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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 9131

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL TO CAMBODIAN MISSION AT YOUR POST OF GKR
DECLARATION ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT SOONEST TO
SENIOR CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT POST FOLLOWING ENGLISH
TEXT OF GKR DECLARATION ON NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT

SOLEMN DECLARATION ON THE POLICY
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE
SETTLEMENT OF THE KHMER PROBLEM

ONE YEAR AGO, ON JULY 6, 1973, THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS MADE PUBLIC THE SIX-POINT PEACE PROPOSAL
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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. THAT PROPOSAL

DEMONSTRATED OUR SINCERE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE KHMER PROBLEM.

ONE YEAR HAS PASSED UDRING WHICH OUR ADVERSARIES HAVE EXERTED THEMSELVES TO DISPLAY THEIR SYSTEMATIC OPPOSITION TO ANY IDEA OF PEACE, AS MUCH ON THE MILITARY FRONT AS IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS. THEY HAVE PERSISTED IN SOWING WRETCHEDNESS AND SUFFERING AMONG OUR INNOCENT PEOPLE. THEIR GOAL, AS THEY HAVE DEFINED IT, TIME AND AGAIN AND INSISTENTLY, IS TO WIN A MILITARY VICTORY. THE REASON IS THAT THERE REMAINS NO POSSIBILITY FOR THEM TO WIN IN THE POLITICAL DOMAIN BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO DEEPLY ALIENATED THEMSELVES FROM THE KHMER PEOPLE IN THE REGIONS THEY OCCUPY.

THE ONLY CHANCE LEFT TO THEM IS TO TRY TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL BY FORCE OF ARMS WHILE DENYING TO OUR COMPATRIOTS THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE FREELY A FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THE RELIGIONS WHICH ARE DEAR AND SACRED TO THEM.

FACED WITH THIS DISAPPOINTING POSITION, WE WERE CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY WAY OF LEADING OUR ADVERSARIES TO CONSIDER MAKING PEACE WOULD BE TO BLOCK ALL PATHS TOWARD A MILITARY VICTORY THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

OUR TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE ON SEVERAL FRONTS WHERE THEY HAVE MADE MAJOR PROGRESS. ALSO THE MEKONG AND TONLE SAP REMAIN OPEN TO RIVER TRAFFIC. THE PROVINCIAL TOWNS WHICH SUFFERED ATTACKS DURING THE DRY SEASON VICTORIOUSLY RESISTED THE ASSAULTS AND INFLICTED ENORMOUS LOSSES ON THE ENEMY. WE CAN STATE THAT EVERYWHERE ELSE OUR FORCES ARE CONTAINING THE ENEMY WITH SUCCESS.

THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE MILITARY SITUATION SHOULD LEAD OUR ADVERSARIES TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PATH THEY ARE NOW FOLLOWING LEADS ONLY TO DEATH FOR MORE AND MORE KHMER CITIZENS AND ABSOLUTELY NOT TO THE MILITARY VICTORY THAT THEY DREAM OF WINNING.

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FOR OUR PART, OUR PRIMARY GOAL, AS MUCH IN THE POLITICAL AS IN THE MILITARY DOMAIN, IS TO ATTAIN THE FINAL GOAL WISHED FOR BY OUR PEOPLE AND BY OUR CLERGY--PEACE.

IT IS IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THIS FINAL GOAL THAT TODAY, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVES,

TATIVES OF THE SENATE AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
AND OF THE SENIOR AUTHORITIES OF OUR NATIONAL ARMED
FORCES, I SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

THE KHMER REPUBLIC LAUNCHES A SOLEMN APPEAL
TO THE KHMERS OF THE OTHER SIDE AND INVITES THEM
TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR
CONDITIONS, AT A PLACE AND TIME AGREEABLE TO THE
TWO PARTIES, WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A KHMER
SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CONFLICT.

IT IS OUR HOPE AND OUR CONVICTION THAT FROM THIS
DIALOGUE WILL EMERGE A SOLUTION THAT WILL LEAD TO
A CEASEFIRE, TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES
FROM KHMER NATIONAL TERRITORY, TO UNITY AND TO
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. ALL QUESTION WHICH DIVIDE
THE KHMERS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION.

THE KHMER REPUBLIC POSES NO PRIOR CONDITION
TO ITS WISH TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

THE REPUBLIC MADES A SOLEMN APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES
LOVING PEACE AND JUSTICE TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT
TO ALL THE KHMERS, WHATEVER THEIR SIDE, IN ORDER TO
ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE AMONG KHMERS.

WE MAKE THIS NEW OFFER OF PEACE IN THE HOPE
OF PUTTING AN END TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE KHMER
PEOPLE AND WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING A JUST AND
DURABLE PEACE GUARANTEEING THE INDEPENDENCE,
NEUTRALITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR
NATION.

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PHNOM PENH, JULY 9, 1974.

2. CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT
PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET WISHES THIS TEXT DELIVERED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HOST GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN
MINISTRY. ALSO CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS ITS
REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND TEXT OF DECLARATION TO ALL
OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN CAPITAL.

3. THIS DECLARATION WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IN PHNOM PENH
AT 1030 A.M. JULY 9.
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